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Ashley's smile big and bright Deep in the heart of Worcester State

By Danielle Williamson
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When Janelle C. Ashley accepted the presidency of a college that faces one of the worst financial situations in its history, she knew it would be tough.

Sitting in the Worcester State College president's office last week, the Lancers' first female president admitted that she has entered a maelstrom, but said that she tries to be "an eternal optimist."

Despite the Massachusetts legislature's speculation that the financial situation next year will be even worse than this year, Ashley has set her sights high. Among her goals, she said, is for the college to "maintain, build on and advance the quality of academic programs and services."

She noted that the college must continue to market its programs. "We need to advertise; we're in a competitive market," she said, drawing attention to the 10 other colleges in Worcester.

Ashley, a 60 year-old Texas native with an infectious smile and sweet Southern drawl, has a deep-rooted public college background. She graduated from a public college, and was most recently vice president for academic affairs at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

"One of public college's roles is to

continue to maintain low costs. We must keep costs low, though we also need to have the financial resources to provide quality programs," she said. WSC is the second least expensive Massachusetts public four-year college.

WSC's resources impress Ashley. The relatively new Kalyan K. Ghosh Science and Technology Building, she said, has drawn envy from other colleges in the area, and we must "nurture" the allied health and biotech programs. Furthermore, Ashley intends to strengthen longstanding programs, such as teacher education. "Teacher ed is so critical today," she said. "Teachers are going to touch the lives of those who are going to be the future of this country."

Ashley, who officially became WSC's 10th president in June, has met with student teachers, and spoken with other students on campus. She expressed a deep interest in student organizations, and said that the opportunity for "interaction with students beyond the classroom" was important to her when deciding to accept the position at WSC. Though she has not yet observed classrooms, she hopes that she will.

"Students first" should be more than a slogan," Ashley said, referring to the phrase coined during former president Ghosh's reign. "I want it to permeate what we do."

Her ears have been open to student

complaints about the troublesome parking situation, and she said that the college is investigating every solution to the problem. Unfortunately, January renovations of the Sullivan Building will further disrupt parking. She dismissed the idea of a parking garage, noting that each space in such garages costs a hefty \$10,000. The college is, however, in the midst of working with the city on off-site parking areas.

Working with the community, Ashley believes, is critical. Noting that many WSC students stay in Worcester after graduation, Ashley said it's vital to maintain close relationships with the business community. She described the college's relationships to high schools and businesses as "cyclical." High schools produce future WSC students, and these graduates, in turn, wind up working for local businesses.

She wants to investigate the possibility of a Masters of Business Administration degree at WSC, and "make a good case" for why the college should have one. Because the state is leery of duplicating resources, Ashley said (other area colleges offer MBA programs), the availability of this degree at WSC "won't happen overnight."

If this does happen, though, Ashley intends to see it through. "I intend to be here. I'm not going anywhere."

Parking problems persist (Duh)

By Sarah Ograbisz
VOICE STAFF

It's a Tuesday morning, and a typical student is driving to school. Her first class begins at 10, and it's only 9:30, so she figures that she'll manage to find a spot. Upon entering the May Street entrance to the college, she sees that the Sullivan parking lot is full. "That's alright," she says, "I'll just park near the field, where there are always plenty of spaces. I can walk." She then drives around the campus to the gymnasium parking lot, and notices that it, too, is full. After a half-hour of driving around, she parks on some side street a little out of the way from Worcester State. She ends up being 20 minutes late for class because of the lengthy walk. Her plight should be familiar to most students.

People all over campus have had a parking problem at least once since the semester began. Some say that it gets worse every year. Others proclaim that it is always the same the first two weeks, and eventually dies down. As of right now, it is a problem for many.

Joe Martin, the campus parking clerk, explained that campus police are enforcing parking rules more this semester to remedy the problem. Many people are parking illegally. Some park without a pass, while others still use the one from last year. Campus police have already towed and ticketed a number of cars, including those of both the editor and managing editor of the *Student Voice*.

Some students have expressed their irritation with where college faculty members park. Many faculty members fail to park in their

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You still can see an
outdoor concert...



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LocoBazooka is returning
to Worcester!
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Customary, mandatory news stories and features can sometimes be tough. We have a new college president, and this sort of stuff needs coverage—even if few people read it. For this first issue of the new school year, Brendan and I made sure to schedule a meeting with the college's first female president, Janelle C. Ashley. Truthfully, I wasn't very much looking forward to it.

Interviews with administrators can be dreadfully boring. I've left past interviews yawning (let's take Dr. Michael Spitzer, for example, now that he's gone), with pages of notes that read exactly like a public relations press release.

President Ashley charmed my socks off within minutes of my meeting her.

I'd been at Worcester State College for almost a full year before I met the somewhat evasive Ghosh. It was layout weekend, and the legendary John Brown III, Brendan and I were taking a break outside of the Student Voice office. Along came Ghosh, probably on his way back from one of his unintelligible speeches or award-accepting ceremonies. He gave each of us the customary handshake and "nice to meet you," and then expressed his disappointment that we had recently advertised an alcohol-serving establishment in the paper. My sharp, quick-witted managing editor, Brendan, retorted, "When you get rid of the pub on campus, then we'll stop advertising pubs."

Ghosh was silenced. That was Ghosh—a man of contradictions. But now Ghosh is gone, and I wholeheartedly welcome his replacement.

His predecessor has made a much better first impression. When Brendan and I were first introduced to Ashley, she managed to interview us for a good 10 minutes before we learned anything about her. So, when she finally let us ask the questions, we believed her when she said that it is important to her to interact with students.

She's honest and realistic. She's very cognizant of the tough budget problems that face the college, and makes no claim to be able to solve them. However, she remains an optimist, and with a bachelor's degree in business administration and a doctorate in management, she has the right background to make an impact. Her master's degree in English, along with her glowing personality, provide her with the communication skills to get through to anyone.

She's down-to-earth, and human. She'll admit that being closer to her grandchildren factored in to her decision to take a job halfway across the country, but if you talk with her, you'll recognize that her love and pride for her job is just as important as her pride for her grandchildren.

She's passionate, and determined. She exemplifies all the qualities that the trustees said they were looking for when the search began. In waiting for the interview, Brendan and I were told by Ashley's administrative assistants that she was "absolutely wonderful." Neither of us asked them; they just couldn't help but mention it.

Brendan and I are graduating in May, so we probably won't get to see too much that Ashley does. But for those of you just entering now, you couldn't have picked a better time. If there's a captain who can steer WSC through the stormy seas of Massachusetts' finances, Ashley is it. You'll get to see the completion of the WSC renovation project, and maybe even the end of the budget crisis.

Good luck, Dr. Ashley. You're charming, adroit, friendly, and though you do speak with a noticeable accent, at least we can understand it.

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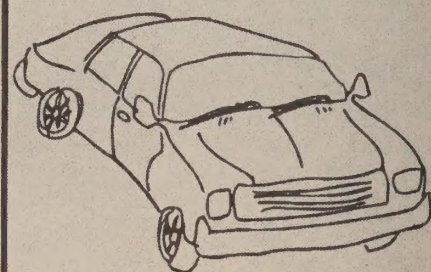
by Roger and Salem Salloom© 1997

We went on a long family trip to visit my aunt Phyllis in Philadelphia. We had great directions..first left off the ramp then a right at the light and so on...but we didn't know which exit.

So, we kept trying different ones. One time we ended up at a pet store, another time at a car wash. We went to some nice places.

After six hours we found the house, but it was midnight and Aunt Phyllis wouldn't wake up. Never got to see her. Had a nice ride home.

There's something wrong with my dad.



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In Your Opinion...

WSC reacts to nation's treatment of 9-11 anniversary Opinions vary on how day was handled

Editor's note: After the 9-11 anniversary, Voice staff member Laurie Rodrigues scoured campus to see what people thought of the day's events. Below are her feelings, and those of the people with whom she spoke.

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2002, I awoke, as usual, and turned on my TV to catch the morning news. Much to my (fleeting) surprise, the media was steeped in patriotic, flag-waving, violin-playing displays of remembrance; there was red, white, and blue as far as the eye could see. The day was reminiscent of the past 364. The nation was incessantly reminded of our righteousness and strength, and that bad men like Osama and Saddam are evil, evil, evil.

In light of this, I decided to ask some of my fellow WSC community members, all of varying nationalities, what their thoughts, feelings and reactions were to the Sept. 11 commemorations in the media and on campus. Here's what they said:

"It was overdone. I think that magazines and TV were just cashing in on (the day). It was used to sell whatever products they had to sell; it's like our flag has become a logo." —Susana Sierra

"I was in New York last year the weekend after it happened. I could still smell the dust; I could barely breathe that air. It was disgusting. I hope, if they build anything on Ground Zero, that it is as big as the Twin Towers. It would show our enemies that we'll just rebuild whatever they knock down." —Rafal Swit

"I thought it was very touching...overall, I thought people showed great sympathy. I'm surprised that a year has gone by already." —Stephanie Cormier

"I thought that it was all too much. Most people just want to move on. It was a good thought, but it was too much all day long on every channel."

—Anonymous representative, Coyote Jack's

"I can't really give my opinion about the TV showings on Sept. 11 because I didn't get to watch TV that day. As far as on-campus events, I think that they went fairly well. Students and faculty were encouraged to participate in a candlelight vigil, a memorial at the Sullivan Auditorium, or to show their patriotic support by signing a memorial wall in the Student Center."

—Pamela Suervo, TWA Officer

"The Sept. 11 commemorations were overdone. The country has been mourning for the past year; why use an entire day for that? The people of America and the victims' families are constantly reminded every single day of their lives by the subtle references in the media. The day could have been used to solidify the country for the (prospective) war on Iraq."

—Crian "Titleless" Padayachee

"I'm not an American, but I felt so patriotic that day. I thought that what was done with the red wall in the Student Center was beautiful, and it was a great remembrance." —Kangai Chinamasa, Operations Manager

"There's a time to write and a time to fight. My pen just ran out of ink." —Jake Ball

"It was good in its own way, I guess. It was just too over-publicized."

—Anonymous, '03

"About Sept. 11? What can I say, except that we grow stronger with the unity of the people. The commemoration of Sept. 11 was very thoughtful to people who lost family members and are going through a tough time. All I can say: sign me up to fight." —Gino Josti

"I was impressed by the footage shown on ABC of periods of mourning all over the world. September 11 is not only a period of sadness for the U.S., but also for the world....I just hope that this day isn't declared a holiday, but instead, a day that people continue with their lives, simply keeping aware that the day has happened." —Avrom

My own opinion notwithstanding, I was genuinely surprised by the degree of negativity that I received. Most people simply rolled their eyes and walked away. Others spouted off the "right" recycled answers that I had heard on NBC earlier that day. The bottom line seems to be that America knows how horrific and humiliating that day was; our nation is no longer innocent to devastation. We need to pick up and proceed forth. We need to build a memorial on Ground Zero and get on with it. Our government and the media need to stop exploiting this tragedy as a means to rally support for a war on Iraq. After all, wounds of this magnitude won't ever heal if you repeatedly insist on flying commercial jets into them. God bless America.

—Laurie Rodrigues

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Worcester State College has been accredited by the Commission since 1966 and was last reviewed in 1992. Its accreditation by the New England Association encompasses the entire institution.

For the past year and a half, Worcester State College has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's *Standards for Accreditation*. An evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the institution; following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

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Sept 25th, 8-2pm in Sullivan

Sept 25th, 5-7pm in Upper Cafe

Sept 26th By Coyote jack 8-2pm

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designated lots, and instead, park in the students' spaces.

Construction work in the Administration parking lot had resulted in a dumpster and other equipment taking a few spaces. Next semester, the parking community will receive a heavy blow when renovations in the Sullivan building begin.

It seems like the parking lot is not the only place where people are waiting. Registration and the Worcester State Bookstore have been flooded with people. A few times, the bookstore had to shut its doors in order to relieve the long line in front of the cashiers. The Registrar's stopped taking calls, and its employees must have sighed with relief once the add period ended. However, though the bookstore and registration have quieted down, the parking lot is still a headache.

Martin suggests that students come early for class. The busiest time for parking is between 9 and 11 a.m. He strongly urges students to follow the parking lot rules. If they don't, then they will suffer the consequences of having their cars towed or ticketed.



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Music, Movies & More

Annual concert ready to rock Worcester

Disturbed to headline at Green Hill Park event

By Mark Wilmot

VOICE STAFF

The *LocoBazooka* concert, possibly the best buy in live music entertainment, returns to Worcester's Green Hill Park on Sunday. Ticket prices for this all-day-event are priced at \$35. For this price, fans and partygoers can enjoy a full day of music starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m. Tickets for the event are on sale at all Strawberries Records locations.

The annual *LocoBazooka* rock concert has become famous for its Woodstock style of open-air stages that permits several bands to perform simultaneously. At least 32 heavy metal and rock bands are scheduled to appear this year, including the headliners *Disturbed*, Zakk Wylde's *Black Label Society*, and *Hatebreed*. These groups will be surrounded by the other bands throughout the day, all working toward entertaining the crowd during the annual event which is entering its eleventh year. Other bands scheduled to perform include *Nonpoint*, *Must*, *Blindside*, *Flaw*, *RA*, *3rd Strike*, and *Flipp*.

Many fans enjoyed the event last year, even though the popular band *Disturbed* never made it to the stage. According to concert promoter Dan Hartwell of Worcester, *Disturbed* was scheduled to appear at *LocoBazooka* last year, but never showed because of the Sept. 11th

attacks. "We were looking forward to seeing them here last year, but the terrorist attacks shut down airports, making it impossible for them to get to Worcester," Hartwell said. "The band felt bad, but plans to make up for it this year, and is promising to provide the crowd with some good music from its newly-released album, *Believe*, which hits record stores on Sept. 17."

Hartwell, who founded the *LocoBazooka* concert series, is excited about this year's event after returning from a 16-city national tour with some of the bands that will perform at Green Hill. "This is the first year I took the *LocoBazooka* concept on national tour. It worked out great. I'm seeing a lot of talent and always working to give new groups an opportunity to get exposure. I'm also working to give the fans what they want, so it all works out," he said.

If Hartwell's eleventh *LocoBazooka* concert is anything like the first ten, fans are sure not to be disturbed, and will get an earful of what they like best while enjoying the beautiful fall weather in Green Hill Park.

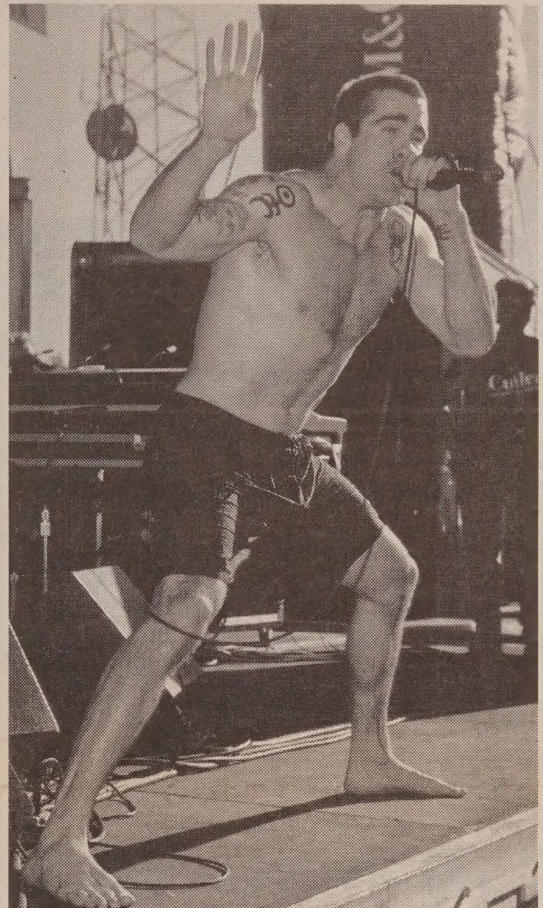


PHOTO BY JOHN BEAN

Henry Rollins performs at a past *LocoBazooka*

The Good Girl a bad wife

Aniston takes on a coquettish role

By Michelle St. Germain

VOICE STAFF

Most young people begin their lives with high expectations and dreams of grandeur. However, as they get older, reality hits them and they often realize things haven't turned out the way they had hoped or expected. In *The Good Girl*, Justine Last (Jennifer Aniston) falls into this category. She is unhappy with her marriage, her job, and in general, her life. She seems to be looking for something to bring meaning to her life, but she cannot obtain it.

Justine lives and works in Texas. She works in a department store named Retail Rodeo that makes Ames seem classy. She starts out as a cashier, and when one of her co-workers suddenly dies, she gets moved to cosmetics. There she spends her tedious days giving facials and beauty tips.

Justine's husband Phil (John C. Reilly) works as a housepainter. He likes to spend his evenings sitting on the couch in his filthy work clothes, with his best friend Bubba (Tim Blake Nelson). The two of them sit on the couch, smoke pot and talk about things that only make sense to them.

It is in the Retail Rodeo that Justine meets Holden (Jake Gyllenhaal). Holden is a twenty-two year old boy, with what seems a lot of left over adolescent angst. They develop a friend-

ship, which began because they are both sullen and disappointed with the world. This friendship quickly turns into an affair, and they have liaisons in a motel room across town.

Justine at first thinks that she has fallen in love with Holden. She at one point actually cries because she cannot bear to go home to her husband, but then she begins to realize that a relationship with Holden could never really work. He is juvenile, obsessive and possibly mentally ill. She develops terrible guilt for her lying and cheating on Phil and realizes that Holden is not what she wants or needs, and she tries to be a "good girl" again.

The Good Girl has many twists and turns, but there is so much foreshadowing in the movie that the viewer knows what Justine will do before she does. There was a lot of dark humor, which is reminiscent of *American Beauty*, but this movie lacks the mesmerizing performance of Kevin Spacey.

Jennifer Aniston definitely got away from her role as Rachel on "Friends", but I think Aniston fans will be disappointed with this movie. This is a dark film. The characters are not your usual characters and it did not have a typical happy ending, but it is well worth going to the theater to see.

The Good Girl

Starring: Jennifer Aniston, John Reilly, Tim Blake Nelson and Jake Gyllenhaal

Rated: R

Running time: 93 minutes

Playing at West Boylston Cinema and Hoyt Solomon Pond Mall Cinema

ACCENTUATIONS

The Voices Of Worcester State College

Love Letter To The One I Love

It takes two to hug,
And two to kiss,
And two to show they care.
It takes two to have togetherness
In everything they share,
And if you're really not too sure,
Just who these two could be,
One of them is you my love
And the other one is me!

-Ana Locke.

Fear.

Falling, flying, fucking, fearing, life.
When thirty feet feels, endless,
Falling.
When thirty thousand miles feels like
An instant.
Flying.
When surfing feels like drowning,
Fucking.
Finding a monument
Inside of a rock.
Life.
I do not fear.
I have fallen so many times,
But I was not scared.
I have felt insignificant within the sea.
But I was not scared.
I have fled great distances, too many times.
But I was not scared.
I have walked side by side with death.
I have known anger and sorrow.
I have seen the future.
And if I must fear.
One thing, one horrid beast.
I would be my past.
Simply because I created it.



FROM HERE TO THERE

What will happen when tomorrow never comes?
Will the one who put us here say "your time is done",
Or will the one who hates come up to have his never ending fun?
No matter how close we are to the end,
It will feel as if we've just begun.
The most beautiful people can live a lifetime
Between the break of day and the setting of our sun.
Though we should be living each day as if it were another chance,
It is normally spent worrying about tomorrow,
While this one passes within a glance.
Feelings can be drank down to the bottom of a glass,
Frustrations can sometimes end in a deadly car crash.
It seems like every time I've almost made it,
There was someone there to say, "NOT SO FAST!".
Sometimes thoughts are smoked clean down to the cigarette butt,
These seem to be thoughts trapped within the minds of those
Who feel they'd better keep their mouths shut.
And aside proven love,
There is no feeling stronger than the one in your gut,
I'm the star that falls within you,
I understand how you feel, from fluorescent orange to the deepest blue.
I'm trapped within all your souls which I can so easily see through.
You all have the potential to be beautiful,
So live this day as if it were you last,
Tomorrow is up to Heaven and to hell with the past.
Let these be the words that help you see,
Even though God blessed us without wings,
To His Glory we will someday fly free.

-Drew Hudson

What's it all about?

"We live and then we die it seems,
And never see the puppet strings."
Life, existence, meaning,
Questions or answers seeming.
Living and dreaming.
And that's enough for now

Love, faith, faith in love.
Is it real, can it be found, if lost?
And if you find it, will it be the same
As when you lost it in the first place?
Is it worth finding?
Love is pain, is pain love?
Meaning in questions without.
What's it all about?

A choke a tear, a wish a want,
A memory and a smile.
All within time I suppose.
But until then, what then,
Its enough for now, I suppose.
-Raymond Jettie

The receiving end

Laughing through a smile full of holes,
Loving with a heart of gold.
Drawing pictures, to hang on my wall.
Trusting me to show the way.
I've come so far it seems,
From who I was to where I am.
Remembering what life was like
When I was on the receiving end.

Some had it tough, some couldn't get
enough.

When I look back upon my life
I find it hard to separate the good from the
best.

And the bad from the worst.
Often times when I cried, I wasn't really sad.
A moment of joy, when a child
Reminded me of all that I forgot.
Its hard to remember what it was like.
when I was on the receiving end of life.

Prideful and passionate
Encouraging words flow. Pats on the back,
Try to walk slow, so they can keep up.
Piggy-back rides and playing catch.
Each new day, a new adventure,
And you are their guide.

Will they be great, maybe a prodigy?
Kingdoms and castles, their lives are stories
Waiting to unfold. Defend them and fight by
their sides,
Against the dragons and boogie men.
Hold them and comfort their tears.
Be strong when they are not and when their
Will is at its best, just let them be.
Because that's what it was like
When you were on the receiving end
Of life.



Welcome to The Student Events Committee

Fall Semester Events

Date	Event
9/18	Comedy Night, 7pm, Blue Lounge, \$1.00
9/27	Homecoming Event- Mind reader Russ Burgess, 7pm, Admin Auditorium, \$2.00
10/2	Psychic Fair, 10am- 2pm, Exhibit Area, \$1.00 for one reading, \$2.00 for three readings
10/4	Movie- Insomnia, 9pm, Dowden Hall Lounge
10/6	Movie- Insomnia, 9pm, Dowden Hall Lounge
10/7	Movie- Insomnia, 2pm, North/South Auditorium
10/9	Supermarket Bingo, 8pm, Blue Lounge, FREE PRIZES!!!
10/16	Lecture topic TBA, time TBA, Location TBA
10/25	Movie- Lilo & Stitch, 9pm, Dowden Hall Lounge
10/26	Family Day Event- 1pm- 3pm, Photo Buttons, Location TBA
10/27	Movie- Lilo & Stitch, 9pm, Dowden Hall Lounge
10/28	Movie- Lilo & Stitch, 2pm, North/ South Auditorium
10/31	Halloween Dance, Time TBA, Exhibit Area, CASH PRIZES!!
11/1	Movie- Signs, 9pm, Dowden Hall Lounge
11/3	Movie- Signs, 9pm, Dowden Hall Lounge
11/4	Movie- Signs, 2pm, North/ South Auditorium
11/6	Music/ Food Day, Time TBA, Exhibit Area
11/13	Karaoke, Time TBA, Location TBA
11/20	Art Party, Time TBA, Exhibit Area
11/22	Movie- XXX, 9pm, Dowden Hall Lounge
11/24	Movie- XXX, 9pm, Dowden Hall Lounge
11/25	Movie- XXX, 2pm, North/ South Auditorium
12/2-	Winter Week, Events TBA
12/7	

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SPORTS

Grid-iron battle; Grid-iron glory Lancers geared for another run at ECAC title

By Mark Wilmot
VOICE STAFF

Worcester State College is home to a championship football team! It's true. The WSC Lancers finished 10-1 last year, which was good enough to win the ECAC Championship.

Not to be outdone, this year's team is off to a 2-0 start with wins over local foes Nichols and WPI.

The team opened their 2002 season on Sept. 7 in Dudley against Nichols. The Lancers defeated the Bison despite a last ditch effort by the Nichols' quarterback to throw a Hail Mary pass as time ran out.

Coach Brien Cullen, who recorded his 100th victory with a win over WPI Friday, "was satisfied with the win," but feels "the team still has work to do in order to maintain their winning ways."

Cean Oksanish, one of the best Division 3 quarterbacks in the nation, leads the potent Worcester State offensive attacks. Last year, he threw for nearly 3,000 yards during an outstanding season, and now owns the WSC record for touchdown passes.

Oksanish, a junior, understands he can't do it all by himself, and looks to other members of the team to step up to his standard of excellence in order to make each win possible.

It might be hard to match last year's exploits, but the Lancer's have the coaching staff and enthusiasm to pull it off. Team captain Derek Ward, one of five captains providing leadership on the field, believes "the season is going to be a good one."

The WSC team deserves to rest briefly on its laurels, setting 12 records, including total offense, yards per game, passing yards per game, most touchdown passes in a season and most return yards in a season.

The category of most touchdown passes in a season (33) is also New England record. On top of that, Kevin Gniadek broke the career yards-gained record with 1,621 yards last season. Jeremy Frisch added 317 yards on punt returns.

Not matter what happens when the Lancers play this season, WSC fans can be guaranteed that Oksanish will be throwing highly accurate passes to receivers senior Pat Arnold, and newcomer Lavon Cuyler, a transfer from the University of New Haven. The two receivers understand they can't operate alone when attacking the opposition, and look forward to support from Mike Buoniconti, Justin Hamilton, Bill Orfalea and Greg Wood in the back field. Wood has already scored three touchdowns in the two games, which could signal the start of a break-out season.

Once this offensive team does it job and scores, they turn it over to an experienced defense, including Joe D'Ambra, Jason Garrett, Mike Genetti and Jeff Whipple, among others.

Football Schedule:

9/21 @ Salve Regina, 1 p.m.	10/19 @ MMA, 2 p.m.
9/28 MIT, 7 p.m.	10/26 Maine Maritime, 1:30 p.m.
10/5 @ Westfield St., 1 p.m.	11/2 @ Bridgewater St., noon
10/11 Framingham St., 7:30 p.m.	11/9 Fitchburg St., noon

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As another semester gets under way at Worcester State College, an in-depth investigation by a Student Voice staff member has uncovered a secret medieval force operating on campus. The hidden force involves almost one hundred male students, who, for the most part, study, exercise, and pump iron all year. They do this to accomplish their mission.

While they prepare for battles on the plain, another group of older, accomplished and established men, many years into their physical and mental prime, attend private meetings behind closed doors. The Student Voice inquiry discovered this force is not sinister, but rather honorable and beneficial.

The closed-door meetings are apparently held for the purpose of reviewing past battles, and to orchestrate plans for another march toward foreign forces that arise in opposition against Worcester State College.

After a few days of casual observation by this reporter, the details have become obvious, and should be made public without consideration of a house intelligence committee meeting.

An analysis of the medieval force on campus reveals that it is engendered by brute strength, hard work, discipline, true grit and leadership. The leader of the medieval force is a man with a commanding presence, coach Brien Cullen. Possessing as many years of familiarity with battle tactics as the age of his younger pupils, he strives to accomplish noteworthy goals on the green fields of battle, which are easily identified at each end with large metal structures. The leader appears to be a product of his anatomy, conditioning, training and experience.

The Student Voice investigation also revealed that opposing forces, ones who hope to commit harm to the good name and record of Worcester State College actually exist. They are not a figment of one's imagination as fringe groups had claimed, but a manifestation of planned and willful combat on the part of other geographical territories.

If allowed to succeed, the infidels and ruffians from the other lands, will celebrate at the Lancer's expense. The opposing force is constantly at work, formulating plans of action against the interest of the WSC campus community. Hundreds of the ruffians, a mixed breed of paupers and elite no doubt, are all associated with different groups roaming the hills of New England.

At this very minute, they too are pumping iron, and eating read meat, and designing fake attacks to throw us off. Evidence suggests this is all done just so they might have the opportunity to defeat our medieval force that brings credit upon Worcester State College while bearing the colors of blue and gold. Our force can no longer remain secret, for they come forth each afternoon from the modern castle structure constructed of red clay built by the running oval.

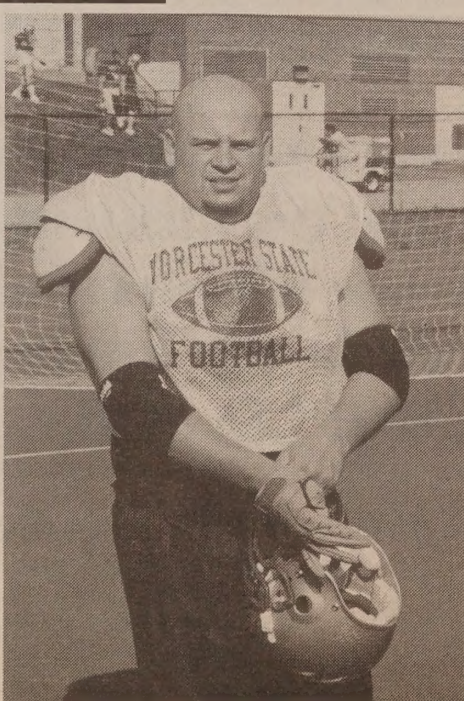
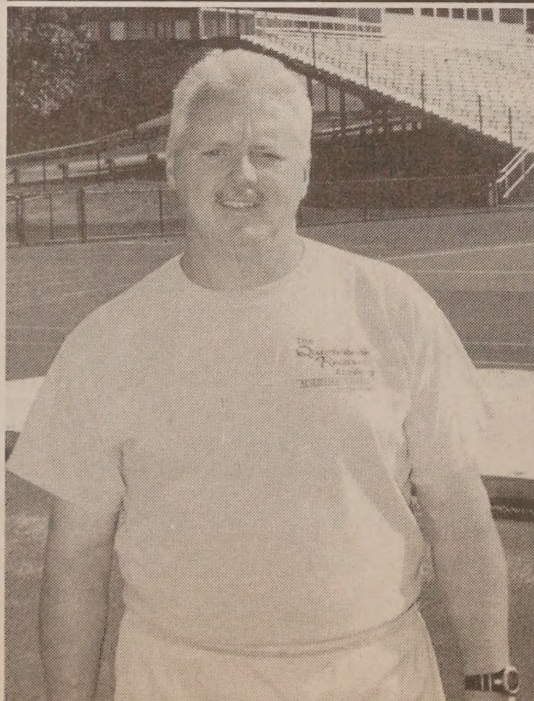
The castle is called a gym by some, but castle or gym, it is all the same, for the force shall henceforth be known as the Worcester State College championship football team, and all are called to bear witness to their feats of victory.

Photos:

At far left, head coach Brian Cullen, fresh off his 100th victory, prepares for another successfull season.

At left, the Lancers head out for practice at John F. Coughlin Field.

Both photos by
Mark Wilmot



Worcester State head football coach Brien Cullen, a class of '77 alumnus, has been coaching the program for 17 years. Friday night he hit the century mark for wins in a 41-23 drupping of WPI at Coughlin field.

QB Cean Oksanish and RB Mike Buoniconti head up the potent Lancer offense that dominated the ECAC last season. Oksanish passed for nearly 3,000 yards and more than 30 touchdowns last season. This year, Buoniconti has scored three TDs in just two games.